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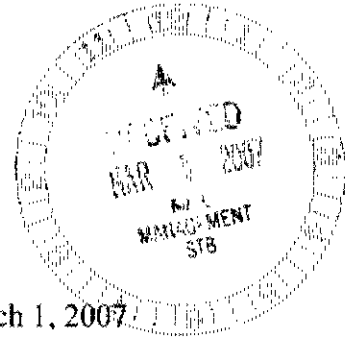
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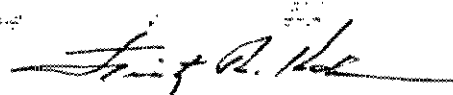
Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing on March 5, 2007, in STB Docket No. AB-10006X, New York & Greenwood Lake Railway-Notice of Exempt Abandonment-In Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey, are the original and ten copies of the Verified Notice of Exempt Abandonment of New York & Greenwood Lake Railway.

The railroad's check for \$3,100 in payment of the filing fee is attached.

If you have any question concerning the foregoing which you believe I may be able to answer or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

enc.

cc: Mr. James R. Wilson
Robert Klein, Esq.

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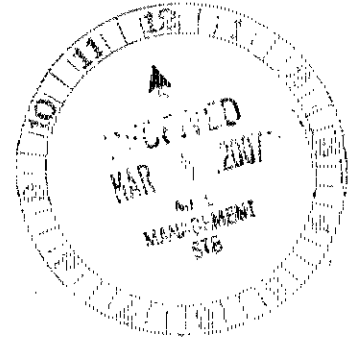
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NEW YORK & GREENWOOD LAKE RAILWAY
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IN PASSAIC, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPT ABANDONMENT
OF
NEW YORK & GREENWOOD LAKE RAILWAY

New York & Greenwood Lake Railway of Glen Ridge, New Jersey ("NYGL"), pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.50, proposes to abandon its railroad line between Milepost 1.1 near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets and the end of the line at Milepost 1.8 near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, a distance of about .7 miles in Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey, and in support thereof NYGL states, as follows:

1. The subject of this Verified Notice of Exempt Abandonment is NYGL's railroad line, between Milepost 1.1 near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets and the end of the line at Milepost 1.8 near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, a distance of about .7 miles in Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey.
2. The exact name of the railroad proposing the abandonment of the line is the New York & Greenwood Lake Railway.

3. NYGL is a common carrier by rail carrier, subject to the Board's regulation pursuant to Subtitle IV of Title 49 of the U.S. Code.

4. NYGL proposes to abandon the railroad line, believing it no longer is required to serve the public convenience and necessity. The railroad line proposed for abandonment was a part of the railroad line acquired by the offer of financial assistance by NYGL in STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1151X), Conrail--Abandonment Exemption--In Bergen and Passaic Counties, New Jersey, served August 14, 1996. The right-of-way proposed for abandonment is sought by the City of Passaic for commercial development.

5. A map of the line proposed for abandonment is included in the Environmental and Historic Report, a copy of which is attached.

6. The representative of NYGL to whom correspondence should be sent is:

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Tel.: (202) 263-4152

7. NYGL's railroad line proposed for abandonment has no stations and traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 07055..

8. The right-of-way of the line, once abandoned, is unsuitable for other public purposes or recreational uses, as the City of Passaic seeks the property for commercial development.

9. The proposed consummation date is April 20, 2007.

10. No local or overhead traffic has moved over the line in more than two years' time, and any overhead traffic that might have moved on the line can be rerouted over other lines.

11. Moreover, no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a State or

local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the user within the two-year period.

12. The line contains no federally granted right-of-way. Any documentation in NYGL's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

13. It is anticipated that the employee protective conditions of Oregon Short Line R. Co.--Abandonment--Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979), will attach as a condition to the Board's approval of the exemption.

CERTIFICATIONS

1. NYGL certifies that no local or overhead traffic has moved over the line proposed for abandonment in more than two years' time.

2. NYGL certifies that any overhead traffic that might have moved over the line can be diverted to other railroad lines.

3. NYGL certifies that no formal complaint by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period.

4. NYGL certifies that advice of the filing of the Notice of Exemption was given to the designated governmental agencies by letters mailed on February 14, 2007, as required by 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d)(1).

5. NYGL certifies that notice of the intent to abandon was published on February 20, 2007, in the Herald News, a general circulation newspaper of Passaic County, as required by 49 C.F.R.

1105.12. A copy of the affidavit of publication is attached.

6. NYGL certifies that each of the agencies identified in 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(b) by letter dated January 11, 2007, was apprized of the proposed abandonment and invited to offer comments on its environmental and historic preservation impacts. Thereafter, on February 13, 2007, each of the agencies was served with a copy of the Environmental and Historic Report, a final copy of which is attached, accompanied by the transmittal letter, as required by 49 C.F.R. 1105.11.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW YORK & GREENWOOD LAKE RAILWAY.

By its attorney,



Fritz R. Kahn

Fritz R. Kahn, P.C.

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Dated: March 5, 2007

NEW YORK & GREENWOOD LAKE R.
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Glen Ridge NJ 07028-7028

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF PASSAIC SS:

OFFICIAL NOTICE STB No. AB-1008X NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON

New York & Greenwood Lake Railway of Glen Ridge, New Jersey ("NYGL") gives notice that on or about March 1, 2007, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a Verified Notice of Exempt Abandonment, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.50, to abandon its railroad line between Milepost 1.1 near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets and the end of the line at Milepost 1.8 near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, a distance of about 7 miles in Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey, which traverse through United States Postal Service Zip Code 07028. The proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-1008X.

The Board's Section of Environment Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the Verified Notice of Exempt Abandonment. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 365-1545.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails, use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's office of the Secretary, 365 E. Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. (See 49 C.F.R. 1104.1(a) and 1004.3(a)), and one copy must be served on the applicant representative. (See 49 C.F.R. 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 365-1562. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative, Fritz R. Kahn, Esq., Fritz R. Kahn, P.C., 1020 N. Street, NW (8th fl.), Washington, DC 20036-1801, Tel.: (202) 263-4162.

Herald News-1968440
Per 532.32
February 20, 2007

Of full age, being duly sworn according to law, on his/her oath says that he/she is employed at North Jersey Media Group Inc., publisher of Herald News. Annexed hereto is a true copy of the notice that was published on the following date(s):

2/20/07

in Herald News, a newspaper of general circulation and published in West Paterson, in the county of Passaic and circulated in Bergen, Passaic and Essex Counties. Said newspaper is published seven days a week.

Subscribed and sworn before me this

20th day of
Feb 2007
at West Paterson, NJ
A Notary Public of New Jersey

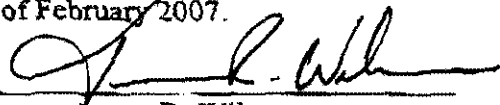
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NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEP 18, 2011

VERIFICATION

My name is James R. Wilson, and I am the Chief Executive Officer of the New York & Greenwood Lake Railway of Glen Ridge, New Jersey. I certify that no local traffic has moved over the railroad line proposed to be abandoned, extending between Milepost 1.1 near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets and the end of the line at Milepost 1.8 near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, a distance of about .7 miles in Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey, for at least two years' time and that any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines. I further certify that no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the two year period.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing Verified Notice of Exempt Abandonment and that its assertions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this verification on behalf of New York & Greenwood Lake Railway. I know that willful misstatements or omissions of material facts constitute Federal criminal violations punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by imprisonment up to five years and fines up to \$10,000 for each offense. Additionally, these misstatements are punishable as perjury under 18 U.S.C. 1621, which provides for fines up to \$2,000 or imprisonment up to five years for each offense.

Dated at Glen Ridge, New Jersey, this 14 of February 2007.


James R. Wilson

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20423

STB Docket No. AB-1006X

NEW YORK & GREENWOOD LAKE RAILWAY
-- VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPT ABANDONMENT --
IN PASSAIC, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT
OF
NEW YORK & GREENWOOD LAKE RAILWAY

New York & Greenwood Lake Railway of Glen Ridge, New Jersey ("NYGL"), pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1105.7, submits this Environmental and Historic Report in support of its Abandonment Notice.

1. Proposed action and alternatives. The railroad line which NYGL proposes to abandon extends between Milepost 1.1 near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets and the end of the line at Milepost 1.8 near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, a distance of about .7 miles in Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey. The line has been out of service for two years or longer, and there is no likelihood that the line will serve any shipper in the foreseeable future. By abandoning the line and selling the right-of-way to the City of Passaic, which seeks the property for commercial development, NYGL anticipates being able to retain and profitably operate the

remainder of its railroad lines. Accordingly, there is no practicable alternative to the line's abandonment. The New Jersey Single Point of Contact, the State Review Process, Office of the Governor, by letters from NYGL's representative, dated January 11 and January 29, 2007, was notified of the proposed abandonment, and in the meantime no written response has been received from it.

2. Transportation systems. As previously stated, the line has been out of service for two years or longer. By abandoning the line and selling the right-of-way to the City of Passaic, NYGL hopes to be able to retain and profitably operate the remainder its railroad lines. By letters, dated January 11 and January 29, 2007, the New Jersey Single Point of Contract, the State Review Process, Office of the Governor, was notified of the proposed abandonment, and in the meantime no written response has been received from it.

3. Land use. The proposed abandonment will affect no presently pending land use plans for Passaic County of which NYGL is aware. By letter dated January 11, 2007, NYGL's representative wrote to the State Conservationist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.. Attached is a copy of his Assistant's response, dated January 18, 2006, stating that the proposed abandonment will have no impact on any of the Natural Resources Conservation Services programs.

4. Energy. As previously noted, the line has been out of service for two years or longer. Its abandonment, accordingly, affect far fewer than an average of 50 carloads per mile per year, and, therefore, the Exemption Notice will have no material effect on energy consumption. Neither are recyclable commodities affected by the proposed abandonment. By letters, dated January 11 and January 29, 2007, the representative of NYGL notified the regional office of the

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Although follow-up telephone calls were placed to both agencies on February 7 and February 8, 2007, no response has been received from NJDEP. A representative of Region 2 of the EPA, in the course of the telephone conversation with NYGL's representative, stated that his office offered no comments on the proposed abandonment.

5. Air. Since the line has been out of service two years or longer, no diversion of traffic from rail to truck transportation and no increase in emissions will occur as a result of the proposed abandonment. By letters dated January 11 and January 29, 2007, NYGL's representative wrote to the regional office of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to advise them of the proposed abandonment. Although follow-up telephone calls were placed to both agencies on February 7 and February 8, 2007, no response has been received from NJDEP. In the course of the telephone conversation with a representative of Region 2 of the EPA, he stated that his office offered no comments on the proposed abandonment.

6. Noise. Since the line has been out of service two years or longer, no diversion of traffic from rail to truck transportation and no increase in the noise level will occur as a result of NYGL's proposed abandonment. As already noted, the representative of NYGL, by letters dated January 11 and January 29, 2007, alerted the regional office of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to the abandonment proposal. Although follow-up telephone calls were placed to both agencies on February 7 and February 8, 2007, no response has been received from NJDEP. In the course of the telephone conversation with a representative of Region 2 of the EPA, he stated that his office

offered no comments on the proposed abandonment.

7. Safety. Since the line has been out of service for two years or longer, the proposed abandonment will result in no increase in highway traffic or jeopardy to the safety of the traveling public. Nevertheless, in accordance with the Board's rules, by letters dated January 11 and January 29, 2007, the New Jersey Single Point of Contact, the State Review Process, Office of the Governor, was notified of the abandonment proposal, but no expressions of concern for safety has been received from it or any other agency in the meantime. The abandonment, moreover, will affect neither the transportation nor the dumping of hazardous materials or substances.

8. Biological resources. The proposed abandonment of the line will not adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as critical habitat, as far as NYGL is aware. By letter dated January 11, 2007, the representative of NYGL notified the Regional Office of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the proposed abandonment, and a copy of its reply, dated January 18, 2007, is attached. By letters dated January 11 and January 29, 2007, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the regional office of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency were notified of the proposed abandonment. Follow-up telephone calls were placed to the two agencies by NYGL's representative on February 8 and February 9, 2007. No response has been received from NJDEP. In the telephone conversation with a representative of Region 2 of the EPA, he stated that his office had no comments on the proposed abandonment.

9. Water. The proposed abandonment of the line segment will have no effect upon Federal, State or local water quality standards of which NYGL is aware. The representative of NYGL, by letters dated January 11 and January 29, advised the District Office of the U. S. Army

Corps of Engineers of the proposed abandonment.. NYGL's representative placed follow-up telephone calls on February 8, February 9 and February 12, 2007, leaving his name and telephone number, but neither a letter nor a telephone call has been received from that agency in the meantime.

10. Mitigation. Since NYGL is unaware of any significant adverse environmental impact that the proposed abandonment would occasion, it perceives of no need for mitigating measures. Nevertheless, in accordance with the Board's regulations, in addition to the Federal and State of New Jersey agencies previously identified, the representative of NYGL, by letters dated January 11 and January 29, 2007, wrote to the Regional Office, National Park Service of the U.S. Department of Interior and the New Jersey Single Point of Contact, State Review Process, Office of the Governor, to advise them of the abandonment proposal, but to date neither agency has responded to express any concerns about it. In a follow-up telephone calls to U.S. Park Service Regional Office on February 8, 2007, NYGL's representative was informed that the agency did not oppose the proposed abandonment but thought that it might have a potential as a trail, and a copy of its letter, dated February 12, 2007, confirming its views is attached. NYGL's representative, by letter, dated January 11, 2007, also wrote to the National Geodetic Survey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. A copy of its e-mailed response of February 2, 2007, is attached.

Historical Effects.

1. Map. A map of the line proposed for abandonment is attached.
2. Description. The railroad line which NYGL proposes to abandon extends between Milepost 1.1 near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets and the end of the line at Milepost

1.8 near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, a distance of about .7 miles in Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey.

3. Photographs. NYGL knows of no structure along the line proposed for abandonment which is 50 years old or older which would be dismantled or removed as a result of the abandonment. There are no trestles, bridges or other structures along the line, regardless of their age, which will be dismantled or removed.

4. Dates. NYGL knows of no structure along the line proposed for abandonment which is 50 years old or older which would be dismantled or removed as a result of the abandonment. There are no trestles, bridges or other structures along the line, regardless of their age, which will be dismantled or removed

5. History. The line proposed for abandonment formerly was owned and operated by the Erie Railroad.

6. Documents. NYGL has no documents in its possession that confirm the dates of construction of the line. Such documents, if any, may be in the possession of the Consolidated Rail Corporation, which acquired former Erie Railroad lines which pursuant to the U.S.R.A. Final System Plan were to be operated by it.

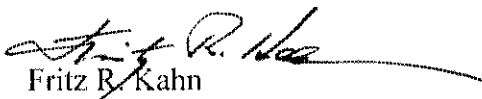
7. Opinion. NYGL believes that there is no structures threatened with dismantling or removal as a result of the proposed abandonment on the railroad line segment which warrants being listed in the Register of Historic Places. Similarly, NYGL is unaware of any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the area. Notice of the proposed abandonment was given the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Officer by letters from the representative of the NYGL, dated January 11 and January 29, 2007. A follow-up telephone call

was placed by NYGL's representative on February 7, 2007, and e-mail messages were sent by him on February 8 and February 12, 2007, but there has been no response from that agency in the meantime.

Respectfully submitted,

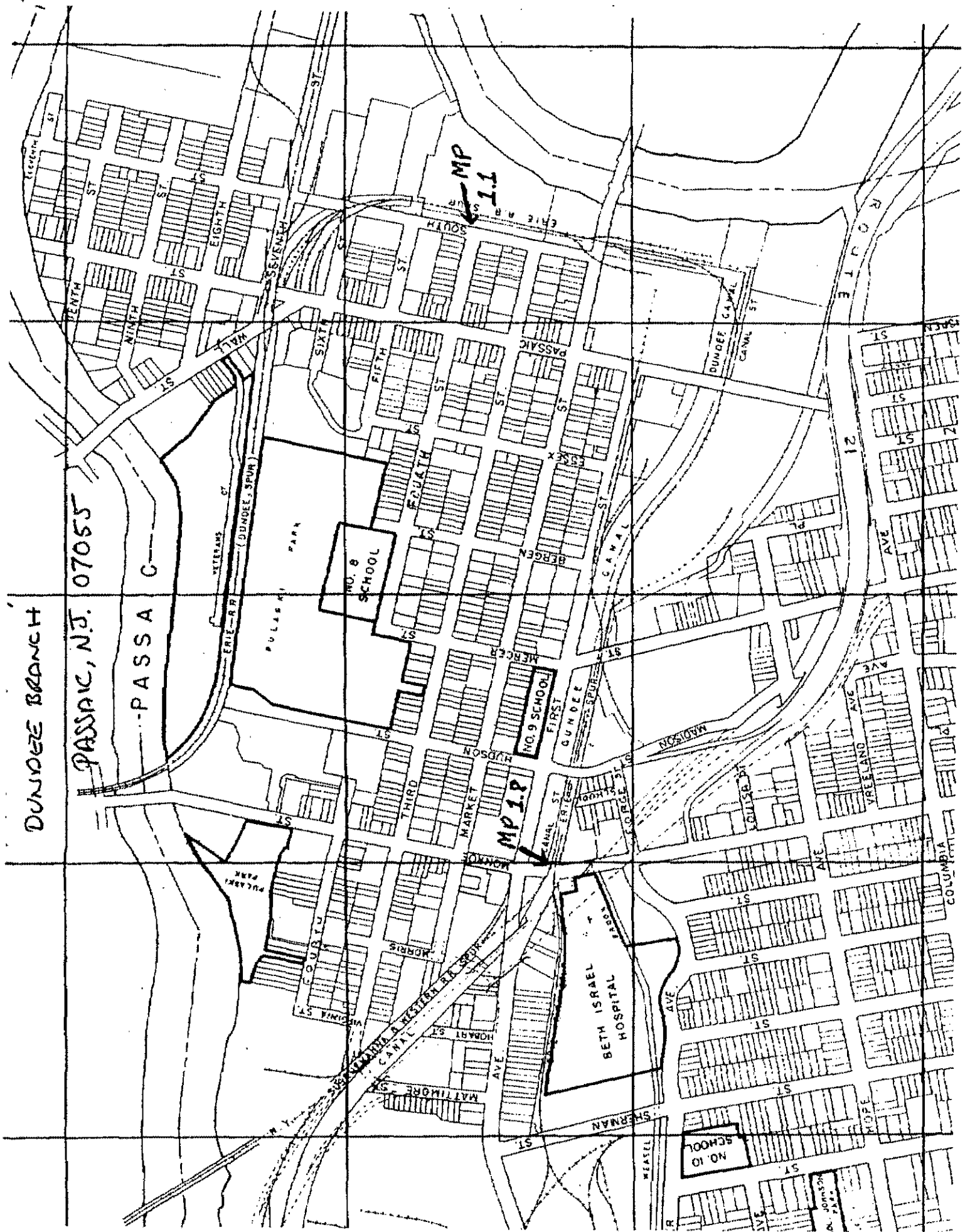
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By its attorney,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fritz R. Kahn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Dated: March 5, 2007





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 Warren.Payton@noaa.gov, Gilbert Mitchell <Gilbert.Mitchell@noaa.gov>
 Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: NGS Response, STB docket AB-1006]]
 Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 23:46:00 +0000

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report
 for
 Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey.

Approximately 01 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area
 described. If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, NGS requires
 90-day advance notice to attempt their formal relocation. These marks
 are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at
<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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January 18, 2006

Fritz R. Kahn, Esq.
1920 N. Street, N.W.
Eighth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

Attorney Fritz,

In connection with your recent correspondence dated January 11, 2007 concerning the New York & Greenwood Lake Railway Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board, please know that the proposed abandonment will have no impact on any of NRCS' programs.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 732-537-6042.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Janice Reid
Assistant State Conservationist (Programs)

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Fritz R. Kahn, P.C.

Washington, D.C.

Attn: Fritz R. Kahn

Fax number: 302-331-8330

Threatened and endangered species review for:

Project identification: New York & Greenwood Lake Railway
Track abandonment Highway 18 (Coal & Marine St.) to M.P. 1.1 (S. of Fgfl)

Township: Passaic County: Passaic, New Jersey

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the above-referenced proposed project pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (ESA) to ensure the protection of federally listed endangered and threatened species. The following comments do not address all Service concerns for fish and wildlife resources and do not preclude separate review and comment by the Service as afforded by other applicable environmental legislation.

Except for an occasional transient bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), no other federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened flora or fauna under Service jurisdiction are known to occur within the project impact area. Therefore, no further consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is required by the Service. This determination is based on the best available information. If additional information on federally listed species becomes available, or if project plans change, this determination may be reconsidered.

Please refer to this office's web site at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/njfieldoffice/Endangered/eslist.htm> for a current list of federally listed species or candidate species in New Jersey. Candidate species are species under consideration by the Service for federal listing. Although candidate species receive no substantive or procedural protection under the ESA, the Service encourages you to consider candidate species in project planning. The above web site also provides contacts for obtaining the most up-to-date information on federal candidate species and State-listed plant species in New Jersey from the New Jersey Natural Heritage Program and information on State-listed wildlife species from the New Jersey Endangered and Nongame Species Program. If information from either of these sources reveals the presence of any federal candidate species within your project area, the Service should be contacted at the above address immediately to ensure that these species are not adversely affected by project activities.

Authorizing Supervisor: [Signature]



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Northeast Region
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-2878

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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February 12, 2007

Mr. Fritz R. Kahn, P.C.
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1920 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036-1601

Dear Mr. Kahn:

The National Park Service has received your notice on behalf of the New York and Greenwood Lake Railway to file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for authority to abandon .8 miles of rail in Passaic, NJ. We are not aware of any negative consequence of this act on historical resources and defer further comment to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

We advocate and encourage that the right-of-way be kept intact for public benefit for the full .8 miles. The parcel has great value to serve the alternative transportation needs of the region, as a linear recreation resource and open space corridor. It has potential to be a key link between the Beth Israel Hospital and Pulaski Park and the adjacent school.

The National Park Service supports protecting the continuity of this right-of-way for public benefit purposes. Dividing it among multiple owners will sacrifice its potential to ever be reassembled for transportation or other purposes. Please contact Steve Golden, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance at (617) 223-5123 or Steve_Golden@nps.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joseph DiBello, Program Manager
Conservation & Recreation Assistance